
Deficit Schools Update

Report being considered by: Schools' Forum
On: 9th March 2020
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Item for: Information **By:** All Maintained Schools Representatives

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report provides details of:

- (1) The four schools which submitted deficit budgets for 2019/20,
- (2) The two schools which ended the 2018/19 financial year with unlicensed deficit balances and
- (3) Summaries of schools that have informed West Berkshire Council they now expect to end the 2019/20 financial year with an unlicensed deficit balance.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the report be noted.

Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council or the Executive for final determination?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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3. Deficit Schools

- 3.1 Four schools submitted a WBC Deficit Budget License Application for the financial year 2019/20. All four had licensed deficits in the financial year 2018/19.
- 3.2 All four schools submitted their Period Nine Budget Monitoring and Forecast report, which have been reviewed by Schools Accountancy and feedback emailed to each school. The Period Nine submissions are shown in the table below with three schools in a better financial position and one in a worse position than budgeted.

School	Main School Budget (MSB) Only		
	2019/20 Budgeted Year-end balance	2019/20 P9 Forecast Year-end balance	Variance
	A £	B £	B-A = C £
Beenham Primary	(24,060)	(35,321)	(11,261)
St Finians Primary	(77,150)	(50,291)	+26,859
Westwood Farm Inf & Jnr	(13,940)	18,443	+32,383
The Willink Secondary	(2,210)	5,524	+7,734

Figures in red brackets indicate a deficit

4. Schools ending 2018/19 with an unlicensed deficit

Two schools ended the financial year 2018/19 with unlicensed deficits. Both schools submitted their Period Nine Budget Monitoring and Forecast report, which have been reviewed by Schools Accountancy and feedback emailed to each school. The Period Nine submissions are shown in the table below with one school forecasting to end 2019/20 in a worse financial position than budgeted, but both schools forecasting no deficit. Both schools are receiving support from Schools Accountancy.

School	Main School Budget (MSB) Only		
	2019/20 Budget – Year-end balance	2019/20 P9 Forecast - Year-end balance	Variance
	A £	B £	B-A = C £
Stockcross Primary	1,525	7,234	+5,709
Welford & Wickham	3,440	2,139	(1,301)

Figures in red brackets indicate a deficit

5. Schools that expect to end 2019/20 with an unlicensed deficit balance

One secondary and six primary schools (including a federation) have informed West Berkshire Council they now expect to end the financial year 2019/20 with an unlicensed deficit. This position will be monitored through until year end.

6. Budget Monitoring and Forecast Submission Dates

Submission deadlines for the remainder of the 2019/20 financial year are shown below for licensed deficit schools 2019/20 and those that ended 2018/19 with an unlicensed deficit.

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Period 11 / February	Yes	Yes	13/03/20